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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated February 23, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire May 23, 2006 Applicants respectfully request the examiner to reconsider his rejections for the reasons set forth hereinbelow.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 2 of this paper.